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Sweden's integration policy is based on both responsibilities and rights – equal rights, obligations and opportunities for all, regardless of ethnic or cultural background. The objective is achieved primarily through general measures in areas such as the labour market, education and training, public health, health and medical care, and housing. To create better conditions for the establishment of newly arrived immigrants in working life and society, targeted initiatives are also implemented in areas such as language, the labour market and education and training. Certain newly arrived immigrants also have the possibility of participating in the Swedish Public Employment Service's introduction programme. Under Sweden's integration policy, municipalities and regions also receive compensation for reception of refugees.

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Facts about migration, integration and crime in Sweden

Simplistic and occasionally inaccurate information about migration, integration and crime in Sweden is sometimes disseminated. Here, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs looks at some common claims.

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Adjustment of Swedish asylum regulations and procedures to minimum level required under EU law

The Government has decided to task an inquiry with reviewing Sweden's regulatory framework on asylum to adjust it to the minimum level required under EU law. The aim is to ensure responsible and restrictive regulations.

More stringent requirements for Swedish citizenship

The Government has tasked an inquiry chair with submitting proposals for more stringent requirements for Swedish citizenship. The aim is to enhance the status of citizenship and promote an inclusive society of empowered individuals with improved opportunities to actively participate in society.

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